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"The world could wait no longer."
-George Bush

Wars Involving the United States

Wars		U.S. military deaths	U.S. war costs
Revolutionary War	(1775-1783)	25,324*	$101,100,000
War of 1812	(1812-1815)	2,260	$90,000,000
Mexican War	(1846-1848)	13,283	$71,400,000
Civil War	(1861-1865)		
Union forces		364,511	$3,183,000,000
Confederate forces		164,821	$2,000,000,000
Spanish-American War	(1898)	2,446	$283,200,000
World War I	(1914-1918)	116,516	$18,676,000,000
World War II	(1939-1945)	405,399	$263,259,000,000
Korean War	(1950-1953)	54,246	$67,386,000,000
Vietnam War	(1957-1975)	58,000*	$150,000,000,000*

*Estimate. Source - World Book Encyclopedia

Why Now ?

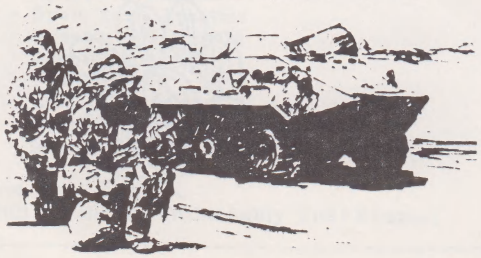
On television and radio today the only topic we encounter is the crisis in the Middle East. By now we have heard from every "expert" and their beliefs as to why the US is involved in the Middle East crisis. And to this date there still has to be made public any valid reason. It has been suggested that the United States is in the Middle East to stop Saddam or protect Israel or protect our economy, but no matter the reason the byproduct of our involvement will be the liberation of millions of Kuwaitis!

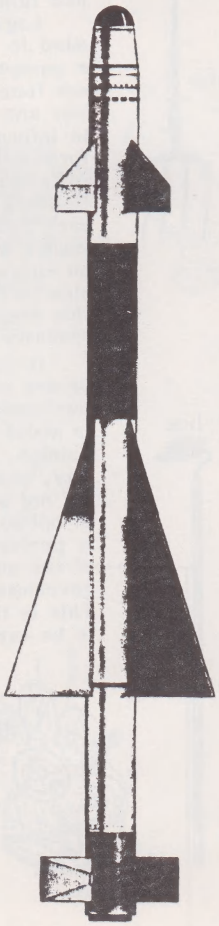
Now when the deadline has passed and the bombing has begin do we finally see the protesters in every major city lobbying to change the President's mind. I only wonder what these devoted peace activists were doing when news of a deadline and failed peace talks became public knowledge? Now is certainly not the time to send the message to millions of volunteer servicemen that we don't support their choice to fight for American values such as freedom and security and oppurtunity for all.

I truly believe that the only way for millions of Kuwaitis to end their suffering would be through successful peace talks or war. In the past, economic sanctions have only given leaders more time to negotiate and grow stronger. A new foreign policy of "dealing with the devil" would only encourage more overly-ambitious leaders to act similarly. The countries of the world were forced to deal with Saddam Hussein's actions, and we should feel proud that the United States has chosen to fight for its values and beliefs.

The Prince

P.S.- If this war is another Vietnam, then Saddam Hussein is another Hitler.



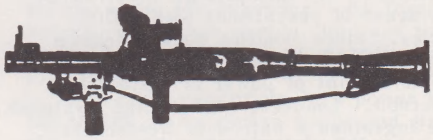


WAR - Pro & Con

Hello. I'd like to be ambivalent with you by bringing up that tired ol' subject of the War in the Middle East. Yep, that war going on "over there." I'm ambivalent because I don't know how I feel about the war. Be thankful I'm not the president. But what I'm afraid of is that not all of us are considering all the issues.

Let us start with the peace lovers. Some anti-war advocates say, "War bad, negotiation good" with a lot of convincing emotions, but I'm not so sure about the "thought" aspect. Would a man who invades a country and then allows his own people to be bombarded by bombs really negotiate? Negotiations were made with Hitler and that sure turned out well!

What was that? It doesn't matter? "War still BAD! Real BAD!" you say? And we're not defending, so we shouldn't get involved? That's honorable idealism. But let me refer to the issue of freedom of expression. I'm sure many of the same people against this war believed that censorship in any one shape or form in any state was a threat to all of our First Amendment rights. But doesn't that apply here? Why are we



so prone to criticizing Bush that we can't see what a bullbrain Hussein is, and what a threat he is to all of us. If we resolve to not go to war, and he does not negotiate, we are, in fact, accepting war as a permanent force in the world-- more permanent than a war in the gulf. Not stopping Hussein would be a green light to all military aggressors.

Volte-face.

This war seems pretty great from WAY...OVER...HERE!! WE don't have to see our grandmothers exploding! What a deal. If you had experienced war (not that I have).- I don't mean having lived during a war, or having been in a war, but EXPERIENCED WAR, -- I'm not sure you would be so supportive of this war in Iraq and Kuwait. War is like hel... like school! (See! Now war don't seem too pretty!) I know, I know! This isn't funny. But is it any more glorious? Can you support war if you don't even know what war really is and what war really does? Unless you personally have had family and friends killed by war, had your home demolished by war, had to kill in war, or were yourself messed up by war, I **doubt** you, nor I, can know.

I apologize for being so ambivalent on the subject. But war is not simple unless you are simple. What I do know is that we all must understand everything, or realize that we know nothing. After all, it's narrow-minds that get us into war in the first place.

Sisyphus

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ISLAM

The Gulf Crisis is of a very complex nature. A good deal of this complexity comes from the differences in cultures between Western nations and Arab Nations. Most Arabs follow the religion known as Islam. The word, islam, means submission to one true God, the same God worshipped in the Christian and Jewish faiths. One who submits to God is known as a Moslem. The Islamic religion is basically the same as Christian and Jewish religions, except Moslems believe that Muhammed was the final prophet. Islam is based on the five pillars of faith, 1) Molsems must believe "There is no god but God, and Muhammed is the messenger of God." 2) Prayer five times daily. 3) Almsgiving to benefit poor Moslems. 4) Daytime fasting during the holy month of Ramadan. 5) Pilgrimage to Mecca (the site of Muhammed's early teaching). Basically, Islam is similar in nature to Christianity and Judeasm, so what is the cause of the tension between Arabs and Westerners?

As a result of World War I, France and Great Britain controlled most of the Middle East. The League of Nations then proceeded to remap the Mid-East, having little regard for Arab customs, religions, and ethnic distribution. The years following were times when European oil companies had almost complete control over many Mid-East nations and took this opportunity to exploit this region. Eventually nationalism grew within these countries and they became soverign nations. All this foreign involvement fostered a sense of resentment within the Arab peoples. Since Moslems do not believe in separation of religion and government, an incredible amount of power is vested in a single person. Leaders, such as the Ayatollah, have since ingrained a hatred of Westerners in the Arab peoples. It is this hatred and resentment which further complicates the United States' involvement in this Middle East crisis.

Kirk Palicki

American Individualism

Over the last few days, I have seen a rekindling of American patriotism. This nationalism comes directly from the Persian Gulf crisis. The individuals who are supportive of our government's involvement have increasingly been seen criticizing anti-war protesters. The charges that are brought against peace activists bring into question their patriotism. The question that I have is what is so wrong about not supporting your government? Also, what gives the people who do support the war the right to determine what patriotism really is? I believe that there are two types of patriotism. Blind faith patriotism and logical patriotism. These are two forms of patriotism that are prevalent in America. I do not want to slam anyone's patriotic beliefs; however, I would like you, the reader, to examine your own position.

Blind faith patriotism is the supporting of a governmental policy without questioning the merits of the policy. Individuals such as this are commonly referred to as 'rednecks'. Having frequently debated with such people, I have observed that these people offer illogical reasons for supporting the war. The first word out of their mouths is "Let's kill the S.O.B" I guess they mean Saddam Hussein. The major flaw that I see is that these individuals let the government let their thinking for them. My only source of contempt for these people is that they do not listen to what the other side has to say. Individuals that do not question the government are contributing to the ignorance of this country. There is a distinct difference between thinking Americans and ignorant Americans.

Logical patriotism is the using of one's mind in deciding whether or not to support a governmental policy. Such individuals are found on both sides of the issue of the war and peace. These people are taking in information from different sides and then formulating their own personal policy. Thomas Jefferson envisioned Americans as rational, thinking people. In order for one to decide, each individual should look at his or her morals while at the same time become enlightened on current events. From here, one is then able to formulate a personal policy. To extend this even further, an individual must continuously reexamine his or her 'policy.'

In the end, whether you support the war or are an advocate against it, you are actually performing your duty to your country. America is about the individual. By forming your own opinion, you are being an individual. In this way, anti-war protesters are being patriotic. By not supporting the war, one is not wrong in opinion or necessarily right. He or she is performing the duty of examining the actions of the government. Such examinations of the governments policies allow for changes in society. This is the type of patriotism that was intended to be carried out in America.

Eric Madiar

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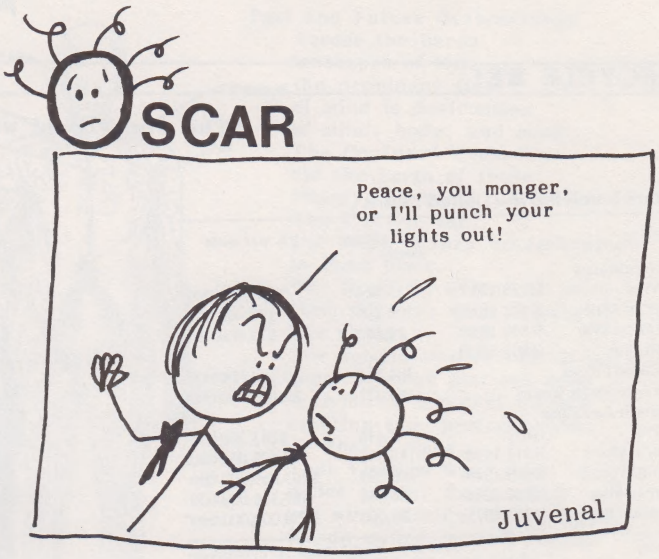


C.C.C.C.C.

Camp-Cult Cinema Critique Corner*

Suffering from post-holiday depression? Wanna hold on to those Christmas memories just a little longer? Then I suggest you rent one of the most moving and classic Christmas films ever. Not "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Not "A Christmas Carol." Not even "Scrooged." I speak of course of "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians." (NR 78 min. Copyright 1964 Avco Embassy Pictures Corp.)

Director Nicholas Webster offers us a masterwork of plot craftsmanship. On distant Mars, green children have been monitoring Earth's television, and in this way they learn about the joys and presents spread by Santa Claus (John Call) to the children on Earth. This is disturbing to the green children, as on Mars they are trained to be adults in what is a genuinely chilling view of what society may someday be. The children want a Santa Claus on Mars, so a small band of Martians, led by the fearless Kimar (Leonard Hicks), invades Earth and kidnaps Santa Claus and two Earth children for the purpose of forcing the jolly old elf to make toys for Mars children. How does Santa escape? Rent this excellent film and see true art at work.

The casting for this film was superb. From now on, whenever Santa Claus is mentioned, I will think of John Call. He's that good. This is clearly Call's most memorable role. Bill McCutcheon is hilarious as the wacky Martian, Dropo. Girmar, one of the Martian children, is played by a 9-year-old Pia Zadora in her motion picture debut, a perfect launch to her illustrious career. And if you watch closely, you will see a Martian warrior who looks suspiciously like Jamie Farr.

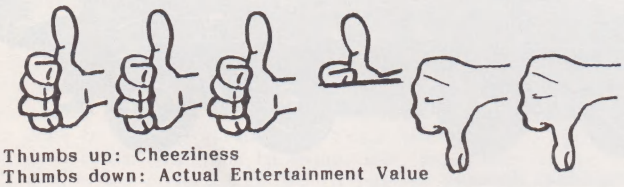
Rent it. Enjoy it. Change your Christmas sentiments forever.

Reviewed by Dave Stinton

*Yes, these are real movies. No, we will not review "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

This space will review movies on "thumbs up and/or down" system. The amount of thumbs up or down tells the reader how bad or good the movie was. The ideal cult film would have a good balance of good and bad. "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes," for instance, would receive four thumbs up and four thumbs down. "Pretty Woman," however, would receive no thumbs.

SANTA CLAUS CONQERS THE MARTIANS rating:



Thumbs up: Cheeziness
Thumbs down: Actual Entertainment Value

Ten Cereals That Never Made It
By The Editors

10 - Bart's Barf: The OFFICIAL Simpsons Cereal
9 - Intestinal Curdies
8 - Bush Tush Toasties
7 - Hussein Multi-Grain
6 - Ozone Wholsomes
5 - SCUD Crud
4 - Lipo Loops
3 - Meatloaf Bran
2 - Marion Berry's Snap, CRACK, and Pop!

and at #1...
Milli Vanillas - Unthinkably UnSYNCable!

Express, Don't Express

The following is a message from Anastasia, member of Surface, towards all individuals at Lake Park who have been or are still wearing black armbands to protest the war in the Persian Gulf. It does not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of Surface as a whole.

Your cause is an admirable one. And it's great that so many people are realizing their First Amendment rights to freedom of expression. The individual's inherent rights of free belief and free speech are one of America's greatest assets.

But, one's own freedom only goes as far as the next person. Some students have also worn armbands, T-shirts, etc. expressing their support of President Bush and the United Nations resolution of war. Several black-armband students have repeatedly been witnessed isolating, confronting, or even openly harrassing those students of a different opinion.

Do you people realize what you're doing? If you are one of those who wear the black armband, stop and ask yourself this: what exactly are you standing up for? If you've thought this situation out carefully and objectively, then fine. You have the right to your own opinion-- more power to you! But if you're simply "following the crowd", doing what all your friends are doing, or simply looking for a fight, **STOP**. You are only making things worse for everyone. By forcing your beliefs upon other people, you are trying to create what you are supposedly against: totalitarianism.

Don't get caught up in a power surge: 50% to 60% of Americans supported Bush before the war, and approximately 84% support him now. You may be a majority in this school, but not many other places. You may even find yourself to be an object of persecution someday.

Don't let that happen. There's enough war in the world now as it is; there's no need to try to start one of your own here.

Anastasia

QUOTE QUORNER

Actual quotes by Lake Park teachers*

This Issue: Witticisms

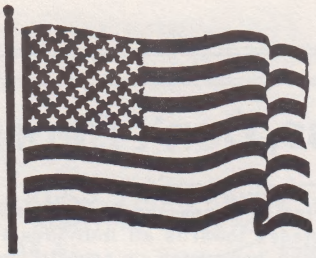
"Do ya got a case of the stupids today?"
-Mr. Bergen

"'Once Every Two Years'...This better be a film about Congress and not Mings' sex life."
-Mr. Canova

"It's called a pass."
-Mr. Duke, after accidentally hitting a student with a soccer ball.

*While some quotes may be taken out of context, all quotes have been said, originally and word-for-word, by the noted teachers.

Quotes provided by Horace



WAR IN THE

The Mid-East in a Nutshell

MILITARY TERMS

A-6 Intruder- Naval attack fighter; on carriers

A-10 Thunderbolt II- Called "Warthog";tank killer;slow but powerful

AH-64 Apache- modern attack helicopter; tank killer but largley unfit for desert warfare

AWACS- the eyes of the military; a high-flying radar-arrayed plane

B-52 Stratofortress- Vietnam era heavy bomber

Cluster bombs- small but numerous explosives that destroy an entire area such as a runway

Chemical Weapons- any toxin-dispersing weapon designed to kill or injure human targets;

Dirty Bomb- a large nuclear device that explodes in a manner that spreads more fallout than a standard bomb; the easiest type of nuclear device to make

ECM- Electronic Countermeasure system; an electronic system designed to confuse enemy sensors

F.A.E.- Fuel Air Explosives;explodes a mist of combustible fuel;like lighting a cloud of gasoline.

F-14 Tomcat- U.S. Navy air defense fighter; only interceptor

F-15E Strike Eagle- Fighter/bomber

F/A-18 Hornet- A Navy fighter;intercept/attack.

F-117A- Stealth fighter;slow but hard to find

HMMWV- High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle;the new jeep. Called "humvee"

Laser Targeting- Any bomb or missile that homes in on the reflected light of a laser which is held on the target; highly accurate

Mach- a measure of air speed;Mach 1 is the speed of sound

Mirage- a French line of attack or intercept jets

Mustard gas- a chemical weapon that kills 20% of its victims and causes severe difigurment in the rest

M-1A1- The Army's gas-turbine powered tank

M-2 Bradley Another army tank

M-60- The Marine's diesel tank

Nerve gas- a chemical weapon that acts on the central nervous system;may kill or paralyze

Patriot- Anti-missile missile; intercepts incoming missiles.

Scuds- Modified Scud-B USSR;mobile medium range missile;explosive or chemical weapons

Sortie- A mission into enemy territory

Sparrow- Air-to-air missile

Strafe- to attack a target with conventional machine gun fire.

Tomahawk- Computer controlled "smart" high explosive or nuclear cruise missile;used on heavily defended targets

Terms compiled by Mike Gebis who apologizes for any errors.

Country: Iran
Capital: Tehran
People: 60% Persian
Religion: 98% Muslim
Government: One religious-political leader with power above other government officials. Three branches of government with elected president and legislature.

Country: Iraq
Capital: Baghdad
People: 80% Arab
15% Kurd
Religion: 95% Muslim
3% Christian
Government: President serves as commander of armed forces and chairman of Revolutionary Command Council which makes government's policies. 250 member legislature passes laws proposed by the Revolutionary Command Council.

Country: Israel
Capital: Jerusalem
People: 80% Jews
15% Arab
Religion: 80% Jewish
9% Muslim
Government: 120 member parliment which is elected by the people. The parliment elects the president which serves as the head of state.

Country: Jordan
Capital: Amman
People: Almost entirely Arab
Religion: 93% Muslim
6% Christians
Government: A constitutional monarchy, where the king chooses a prime minister. The prime minister then appoints a presidental cabinet. There is a presidentally appointed Senate, and a popularlly elected House of Representatives.

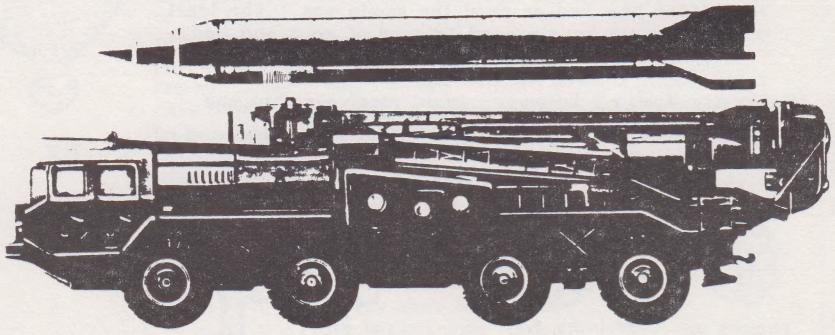
Country: Kuwait
Capital: Kuwait City
People: Almost entirely Arab
Religion: 98% Muslim
Government: Governed by Emir who appoints a prime minister who carries out the operations of the government.

Country: Saudi Arabia
Capital: Riyadh
People: 75% Native Saudi
22% Arab
Religion: 99% Muslim
Government: Monarchy, with the king holding executive and legislative powers.

Country: Syria
Capital: Damascus
People: 90% Arab
Religion: 87% Muslim
12% Christian
Government: Elected president and 195 member People's Council which makes Syria's laws.

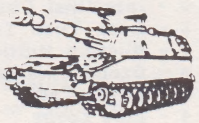
Information compiled by Kirk Palicki

Below: The SS-1 Scud-B missile is shown both on its transporter/erector and separately above it. Reloading is carried out by mobile crane.



Multi-National Forces

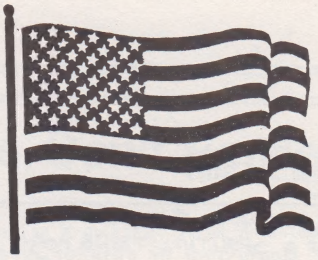
Argentina	100 troops
Bangladesh	2000 troops
Egypt	14000 troops
France	13000 troops
Kuwait	7000 troops
Morocco	2000 troops
Oman	10000 troops
Pakistan	5000 troops
Saudi Arabia	60000 troops
Syria	19000 troops
United Kingdom	6000 troops

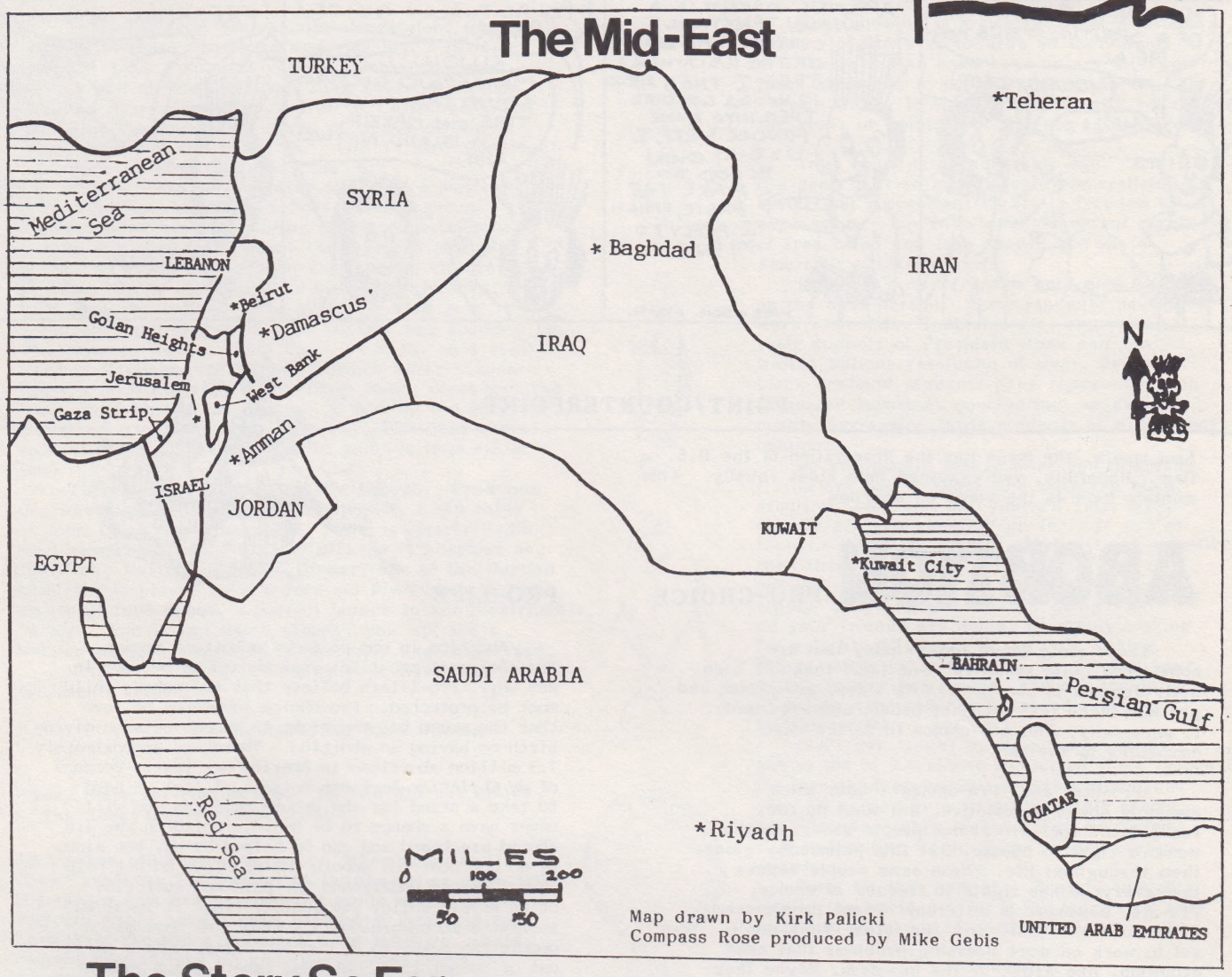


Several other countries not listed also have contributed aircraft, ships, and troops.

U.S.A. 470000 troops!!!

MIDDLE EAST





Map drawn by Kirk Palicki
Compass Rose produced by Mike Gebis

The Story So Far...

As the War in the Gulf escalates, Israel is becoming an increasingly important player in this conflict. To many, the history of Israel is unknown. What is known is that there is extreme hatred between many Arab nations and the democracy, Israel.

These hostilities may be traced back to biblical times. Israelis and Arabs each trace their ancestry back to Abraham's two sons, Isaac and Ishmael. The Jews claim relations to Isaac, who, according to the Bible, was promised by God to inherit Palestine, which is now called Israel. The Jews resided in this Holy Land until A.D. 135, when the Romans conquered this area and renamed it Palestine. This area was taken by Arab forces during the fifth century, and Arabs have resided there ever since. Throughout these changes in leadership, the Jews slowly began to immigrate to other portions of the world. The Jews were persecuted in many of these foreign lands. Because of this and the Jews' feeling of divine right, many decided to return to the homeland.

In 1918, Great Britain gained control of Palestine, and Jews continued to emigrate to this country. The Jewish immigrants worked hard to bring fertility to the region, and by 1947 the Jews felt that they were a strong enough group to declare independence from Great Britain. On November 27, 1947, the United Nations agreed to end British control of Palestine, dividing the region into two sections: a portion for the Jewish nation and a portion for the Arabs. The Jews agreed to this, but the Arabs vowed retaliation because they felt all the land was due to them. The day after Israel gained independence, it was attacked by a multi-national Arab force. The Israeli forces held out, and the United Nations negotiated a treaty between the nations still refused to recognize Israel.

During the 1950's, Egypt instigated raids on Israel and made it impossible for Israeli ships to use the Red Sea. In 1956, Israel, joined by France and Great Britain, attacked Egypt. By the close of this conflict in 1967, Israel gained control of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and Gaza Strip, Jordan's West Bank, and Syria's Golan Heights.

Again, war erupted between Israel and Egypt during 1973. Shortly thereafter, a treaty was reached returning the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt, and plans were made for independent governments to be established in the Gaza Strip, West Bank and Golan Heights. The Sinai Peninsula was returned to Egypt, but the plans for the other occupied territories fell through. Presently Israel still retains control over these three predominantly Arabic territories, which are commonly referred to as the Palestinean problem.

Kirk Palicki

Wiji Island

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Last month, the issue was the desecration of the U.S. flag. Hopefully, you examined both sides equally. This month's topic is the views on abortion.

ABORTION

PRO-CHOICE

There are a lot of topics today that are considered quite sensitive. One topic that has been hotly debated is abortion . Both sides, pro-choice and pro-life, have their distinct beliefs and arguments. I, personally, find pro-choice to be the more compelling of the two.

"Pro-life" and "Pro-choice" ; both titles certainly sound descriptive, but what do they really stand for? Pro-choice people believe in the woman's right to choose. But this philosophy guides them throughout life. These same people believe that everyone has rights to freedom of choice. Pro-life, however, is different. These people seem to be concerned only with the fetus. They don't act to work on more pressing problems that need attention, like AIDS, or the homeless. Maybe they should change their title to "Pro-fetus." That is certainly the stance they take.

In addition, if you notice, most Pro-lifers are men. On the other hand, most women are Pro-choice. Why? Let's see. These Pro-life men don't have to go through labor, deal with 9 months of pregnancy, feel the pain of giving up a child for adoption, or feel the pain of having an abortion. So for them, making decisions for others is easy. The women are the ones who have to deal with the consequences. Who has the right to say that these women must go through 9 months of labor?

The Pro-lifers say abortion is murder. It isn't. Abortion is a surgical procedure. It is done by a doctor under sterile conditions. It isn't glorified and it isn't another form of birth control. Why don't these Pro-lifers concern themselves with the lives already here, lives that can be helped now? Work on promoting safe sex, so unwanted pregnancies don't occur. Work at the root of the problem, not the symptoms.

By Jim Luberda

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PRO-LIFE

Abortion is one of today's hottest topics. Pro-choice of pro-life; what should we believe in and why? Pro-lifers believe that the unborn child must be protected. Pro-choice advocates believe that the woman has the right to choose between giving birth or having an abortion. There are approximately 1.3 million abortions in America per year. Because of my Christian-American beliefs, I feel we need to take a stand for the unborn children who will never have a chance to be heard. Children who are abused are heard and can be helped by us, but since we do not hear the unborn children, we do not help them. We can understand the pain and suffering of an abused child, yet society finds it legal to terminate an unborn child's life. We have given people the right to be God and decide when a child can or cannot live. We must take a stand against this horrible atrocity. Those unborn children cannot be heard, so we must be their voices in order to tell others about this inhumane cruelty. This song basically sums up my beliefs.

"I don't want another country
I want to recognize intent
Of our forefathers when they wrote
Precisely what they meant...
...One nation under God,
With morals out of proportion
The end result is murder
Under legalized abortion...
...They can fight, but they cannot win
They can scream but none will hear them..."

"Children Can Live
(Without it)"
-author unknown

This is dedicated to the 1.3 million babies that are aborted each year in America. I am fighting for you.

Johnny J.

Prudes BEWARE

SEX + CONDOM = LIFE
SEX - CONDOM = AIDS = DEATH

Both of these sex equations start out with the same word, "SEX," but the end results are far from being the same. How is this acheived? By the addition or subtraction of a condom. In the year 1988, 502,000 people were diagnosed as having the AIDS virus. In New York City, one in every 20,000 people have the AIDS virus. In Baltimore, one in every 200 has the AIDS virus. With the simple and quick use of a condom, the risk of contracting AIDS, a STD, or becoming pregnant is minimal.

As for LPHS, banning condom t-shirts saying, "Use me, abuse me, just don't refuse me, put your condom on," on the basis that they promote premarital sex, and that they may offend people, is ridiculous. In no way does this justify the thousands of people a year that are suffering and dying of AIDS. I admit that this shirt could be offensive, but the world needs to educate our teenagers. We need to be aware of the ways to prevent STD's, AIDS, and pregnancy. Premarital sex is going on everywhere in high school, whether we like it or not. We cannot change that. We can change the unwanted effects of sex, and the use of a condom could solve that problem.

LPHS should try to promote safe sex by the use of condoms and contraceptives, instead of believing that by prohibiting the "C" word in school they will keep our minds pure. Actually, they are not doing anyone a service. If a condom saves one person's life, then isn't that worth something? School is a place for education, so why not **EDUCATE???**

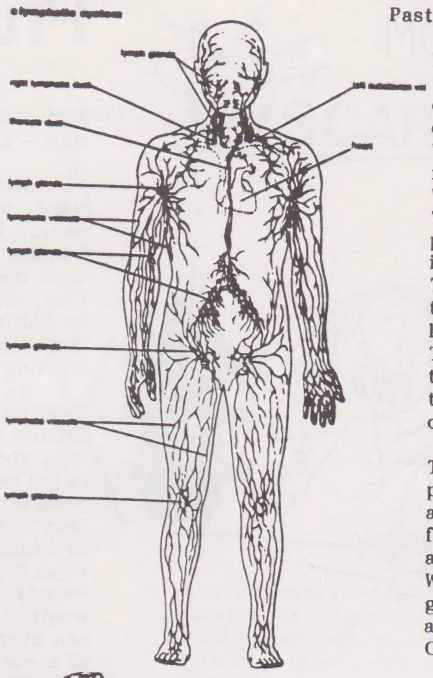
Heidi Kellum

Protest, Schmotest

Freedom of speech is one of our most basic rights. No one can take it away from us. Of course, we also have the responsibility to exercise a certain level of self-control. But in the case of the anti-war demonstrators, I think a lot more self-control needs to be exercised.

It is not their opinion that is "wrong," though I do disagree with it. What is wrong is their timing and the method of their expression. It is far too late for the protestors to demonstrate now. Our course of action has already been set. The point of demonstrating is to help set a course of action when none is definite. We are definitely involved in a war. Where were these protestors when we first planned to send troops to Saudi Arabia? Why didn't they demonstrate then, before we were committed? Apparently, they had better things to do.

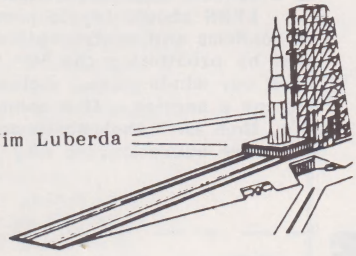
The only logical action now is to provide support. I'm not saying you must believe in the war, or support it's goals. I'm saying that we all must, at the minimum, support our men over there. These men are fighting for their country and what they believe in. Continuing these stupid protests is not only a waste of time, it is demoralizing to the very people who are risking their lives. And that, my friend, is something I protest.



Past and Future Outbreakings
Across the baron
lanscapes of time,
the prominent state
of mind is destruction
of mind, body, and souls.
The Confused Crusades,
rid the Earth of those
"Merry Muslims."
The UnCivil War
put those "Crazy Confederates"
in their place.
The first war to end all wars,
them Germans were treated
like vermin.
The second war to end all wars,
them Germans just can keep
themselves occupied without
creating the "perfect" race.
What a place.
That VietNam War, oops
police action, thang. Who
are we to decide life or death
for an entire race of people,
also known as genocide.
What's next, I don't dare to
guess, I'm sure it will be like
all the rest, nothin' but a
Great Big Mess!

Paul May
1990

By Jim Luberda



Trashin' Fashion

Hello. It's 1991, and it's time for the annual Surface fashion report. This year's "outs" and "ins" can be summed up in two statements:

Out: Moral Decency
In: Ugly Shirts

Yes, once more, shirts will only be cool if the brand name is exhibited prominently across the front. And this year more than ever, owning every single Bart Simpson T-shirt, especially the unlicensed pornographic ones, is a major plus, sure to make you stand out in a crowd.

Drinkin' and pukin' is in.

Bragging about drinkin' and pukin' is in.

Bragging about sexual adventures, true or not, is in.

Reckless driving is in.

Obscene gestures directed at school busses is in.

Belching, swearing, smoking, talking in movie theaters, degrading comments about the opposite sex, two-facedness, p.m.s. jokes, massive amounts of hairspray, spandex, infidelity, homophobia, throwing food, imaginative insults like "nerd" and "geek," racism, and "I've fallen and I can't get up" are all in, in, in.

Individuality is out.

If you find yourself doing anything that you've never seen another member of your clique doing, stop and ask yourself, "Isn't my popularity a lot to pay for a personality?" Then severely chastise yourself and drink up. You're welcome.

Juvenal

Letter from the editor:

War. A concept that most of us may never actually experience. Some think of war as bombs, destruction, killing, and death. Others think necessity, strategy, purpose, goal, soldiers, and death. Whatever you think, war cannot be taken lightly. This is true for the actions taken by the military as well as the civilians of the United States of America. Don't just scream "**PEACE**" or "**WAR**." Realize the underlying issues behind the events occurring. Simply because you are a believer of peace or of war does not, in itself, necessarily justify your opinions on this particular war. I am just asking you to see why America is taking action before you support or oppose the war.

Where does Lake Park stand on the war? Please write to:

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Thank You,

Patrick Jong Lee

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